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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0016] in amended form as shown below:

[0016] One aspect of the invention is that the bottom portion of the sealing element 12 includes a third sealing lip 37 adapted for contact with a chamfer 39 of the valve guide 30 that prevents oil flow migration past the top surface 33 of the valve guide 30. As best seen in Figure 3, a step 43 of the retainer 19 bears against an upper portion 41 of the sealing lip 37 and exerts a compressive force, F, on the sealing lip 37. Preferably, the compressive force, F, is substantially perpendicular to surface of the chamfer 39. Optionally, the upper portion 41 of the sealing lip 37 can be affixed, bonded or the like to the step 43 of the retainer 19. By utilizing the [[ 27 ]] 37 can be affixed, bonded or the like to the step 43 of the retainer 19. By utilizing the compressive force, F, exerted by step 43 against the sealing lip 37, the sealing lip 37 provides an effective seal against the chamfer 39 of the valve guide 30. In addition, the frictional force exerted by the installation pad 23 of the retainer 19 against the valve guide 30 resists vertical movement of the valve stem seal assembly 10, thereby maintaining the effective seal provided by the sealing lip 37 against the chamfer 39 of the valve guide 30.